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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter. All newsletters are posted on Compass for parents & students Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

8th February 2022

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to 2022

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back our students for the start of the 2022 school year. It was a delight to be surrounded again by so many bright and enthusiastic students last Monday and it was a pleasure to meet our new Year 7

cohort. Certainly, for our new Year 7 students, I can only imagine the night before where there would have been great excitement and a few nerves about the start of the school year. Having said that, our newest student cohort have settled in like long time educational experts. Well done, Year 7! We look forward to working with you and your families over the next 6 years and we hope your time with us is both positive and successful.

I would like to congratulate all of our students for the terrific start over the last week, where the main focus has been settling into their new year level tutor groups, classes with their teachers and engaging with the curriculum, AVID and school programs and activities.

I would also like to warmly welcome back current staff, parents, carers and our local partners of the Wyndham Central College community and I extend an especially warm welcome to our new students and families in years 8-12 who have joined the College for the first time this year.

I wish every single student good luck in 2022 as we focus on catching up and extending each student's learning and being responsive to and supporting their wellbeing. As we continue to 'create a community of high expectations we will revisit our values – Respect, Cooperation and Excellence, that encompass these high expectations around behaviour, work ethic and relationships and when consistently referred to and modelled by students, (both within and outside the classroom) will ensure that each student will learn, grow, develop and achieve their full potential.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 February	Year 7 Parent/Carer's Listening Post 7pm (via Teams)
3 March	Whole School Photos
7 March TBC	Student Free Day – Staff Professional Learning
8 March	School Photos (catch up)
14 March	Public Holiday (Labor Day)
7 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm
8 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 9:30am – 2pm

Newsletter Content

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Parent Bulletin

This newsletter is additional to the weekly information provided in the Parent Bulletin emailed each Monday.

Student Support

Our Year Level Leaders, Year Level Coordinators, Assistant Principals and indeed, all staff, are committed to delivering the best possible support for all our students and we ask that this support be reciprocated in a collegial, community focused manner. Interactions for all of us have to be respectful and solution focused. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor teacher and/or Year Level Team or our wellbeing team, in our student services centre, if you or your child require further support on any issues affecting your child's education.

In this newsletter we have listed each of our tutor groups with their tutor teacher name and a special note from our Year level leaders and Assistant Principals. Please take a minute to read cohort reports.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Be at school on time, in uniform and ready to learn

Uniform

Uniform is looking great, but there is still a little room for improvement and we will continue to remind our students about proper uniform. If this is causing any stress for your family, please do not hesitate to contact us; we are here and happy to help. This is also extended to school supplies – our AVID binders, planners and laptops or school text books.

New and returning staff

We welcome our newest staff members to the College:

English Faculty: Thomas Benjamin, John Lister and Audrey D'Eau Sundanum

Humanities Faculty: Harpreet Singh (Accounting and Business Management), Eliza Shearer (History) and Alasdair Morrison (Business Management and Psychology)

Science Faculty: Aslihan Gavas, Tanishka Singh (Psychology), Sagun Sharma and Stephanie Bell

LOTE Faculty: Showji Ito (Japanese)

Health and Physical Education Faculty: Jaymen Barker and Blake Lunardi

Mathematics Faculty: Danging Dong

Year 11 and 12 Educational Support: Kerri De Domenico

Also returning after leave we welcome back Peter Sonneveld, Technology leader and Marie Milkovic, Science teacher and Chris Palatsides, Art teacher and special projects.

Due to the increased impact of new COVID variant during the last couple of months we are working hard to complete our staffing and continuing to do our best to cover all classes. We will be introducing new staff in future newsletters when they join our community. I know that everyone will make these staff members welcome.

Facilities

Over the holidays our maintenance team prepared our buildings and grounds for the 2022 school year. We are pleased to announce that the school has been allocated some extra classrooms and we will have a new double storey building that will be located next to our gymnasium ready to use by the end of March. Due to this location, the College, will be relocating our synthetic rugby pitch and will be adding external volleyball courts for students to use during breaks and in our afterschool fitness program.

Our student leaders in our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be working with all students, staff and leaders to ensure that our students voice is heard in the decision making around all important school decisions. Our SRC is led by our School Captains for 2022 – Ravneet Kaur and Joshua Lopez and our Vice Captains – Ciarna Duckett and Catherine Ma'asi, who will also be supporting the implementation of our new 4-year School Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and our 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP): for improving student outcomes. 2022 is our first year of this new plan and our student leaders will be supporting its introduction and implementation.

Our three School Strategic Plan goals are;

Goal 1: To maximise and improve learning growth for every student across all domains

Goal 2: To enhance student voice and agency in learning for all students

Goal 3: To develop confident, resilient students equipped to thrive in a contemporary world

In term one the College will also be working hard on the Department of Education additional focus areas of; Learning, where we will be supporting both those students who need scaffolding and those who have thrived during the last two years to continue to extend their learning, especially in numeracy. And Wellbeing, where we will be effectively mobilising all available resources to support students' wellbeing and mental health, especially those impacted over the last two years and are our most vulnerable.

If you would like to know more about our focus for 2022 please contact our Administration office or any member of the Wyndham Central College School Council. A reminder we value your input, feedback and suggestions as we work together to continue to create a great school community for all students as they continue on their educational journey.

I am again, looking forward to leading the Wyndham Central College community in 2022.

Leanne Gagatsis - Principal Creating a Community of High Expectations

Bike Safety

Concerns have been raised by members of the community about bike safety of our students to Victoria Police. As a college we also wish to stress the importance of bike safety to ensure your child arrives at school and returns home safely. We urge all families to stress the importance of following all bike safety requirements to ensure the safety of all members of the community. For further clarification, please call VicRoads on 13 11 71 or visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

REMINDER - PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF PARKING WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN AND DO NOT BLOCK THE LOCAL NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS AND THE SCHOOL BUSES IN THE YELLOW PAINTED ZONES IN THE MARKET ROAD EXTENSION

Please ensure your child follows the Mobile Phone Policy for All Schools Students

Victorian schools implemented a mobile phone policy in, 2020. This policy continues in 2022.

It helps focus students' attention on learning in the classroom by providing them with:

- (a) a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- (b) greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

 The use of technology is important, but the risks and benefits from its use needs to be carefully managed. A summary of research articles is available via the resources named below. It provides the reason for the policy, including concerns about the impact of overuse of mobile phones on thinking and learning, health and wellbeing.

Students will still be able to bring a mobile phone to and from school, but it will need to be turned off and stored securely away in the school supplied lockers for the entire school day. Parents or carers can still contact their children through the school office in emergencies.

Families are asked to support your child to follow the mobile phone use policy and to support your children to become safe and responsible technology users.

Staying COVID safe

Vital COVIDSafe steps

- Social distancing
- Limit mixing with other year levels
- Maintain physical distancing
- Limit to non-essential visitors and density limits in common areas

Face Masks

Please be aware that the Victorian government have mandated the use of masks when indoors in all Victorian schools. As a result, all students, staff and visitors to the school must wear a face mask when indoors. This includes children who are accessing public transport to and from school. As a result can I ask that all students attend the College with a mask every day.

Vaccination

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings. All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception. COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but the DET have indicated that vaccination for students is highly encouraged. If your child has not yet had their first dose, please try to organise this as soon as convenient. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for younger siblings aged 5 to 11, visit Vaccination information for children and teenagers. (Link) Vaccination information for children and teenagers.

Ventilation

- All schools will continue to maximise ventilation through opening windows and doors and setting air conditioners to use outside air, where possible
- Areas of the school also have Air purifiers

Hygiene and testing

- Wash hands regularly and at key points
- Get a test even with the mildest of symptoms
- Isolate until vou receive vour test results

Rapid Antigen Test Kits (RAT tests)

RAT tests have been distributed to all students. It is highly recommended that your child takes a test on a **Monday and Wednesday** and continues to do so weekly over the next 4 weeks.

If you are positive

If your child receives a positive result at any time you must report this to the school and Department of Health immediately.

You must report a positive result to the Department of Health via their system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Students (or their parents) must also report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test <u>portal</u> or by phone on 97417911 or written notification. This is so the school can support students, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Please note that a student will not be identified when communicating with the school community.

Any student who has tested positive for COVID-19, and has completed their 7-day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic (no symptoms) do not need to undertake surveillance testing for 30 days.

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests.

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is <u>available online</u> using this link.

Attendance / Non Attendance Process - Reminder

Please report all known absences to the Attendance Officer, Ms. Carol Mills by:

- ➤ Calling the College on 97414911 and selecting Option 1.
- > Texting the College on 0428 210 574 (attendance line)
- Emailing the College at attendance@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au

If your child has been absent please send a note with your child including their name, tutor class and reason within three working days to explain his/her absence. For further information please see the Attendance Policy on Compass or the Department of Education parent website.



Fact sheet for parents/carers from the Department of Education

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

- 1. Online: log the absence directly using our school's IT platform Compass
- 2. **Telephone:** the school's Attendance Officer, Mrs. Carol Mills on 9741 4911 (Option 1 for attendance) and let her know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
- 3. **Email:** your child's tutor teacher, via Compass and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

Privacy Policy

Annual privacy reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice and the contract service provider policy, found on Compass and is located within the Policies & Handbooks folder (available using parent log in credentials): https://wyndhamcentralsc-vic.compass.education/Communicate/SchoolResources.aspx.

For more information about privacy, refer to: <u>Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents</u>. This information is also available in nine community languages:

•	Amharic	Arabic	Dari	Gujarati	Mandarin
•	Somali	Sudanese	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese

College Information

Road Safety - Keeping students safe

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, please do not park in the yellow painted curb from **2.45pm-3:15pm.** The school buses experience difficulties turning at the end of the road which delay the service and the pickup of students. This increases the risk to student safety and the damage to motor vehicles.

Please be mindful of parking when picking up your children and do not block the local neighbour's driveways.

COMPASS LOGIN

Emails were sent to new parents with Compass login details. If you did not receive an email please contact the administration office on 9741 4911.

Bell Times

Reminder of School Bell times and the importance of students being in class on time.

Homeroom	8.50 - 8.58 am	Break 1	11:30 - 12:00 pm	Session 4	1:52 - 3:04 pm
Movement	8:58 - 9:03 am	Locker	12:00 - 12:05 pm	Detention	3:04 - 3:34 pm
Session 1	9:03 - 10:15 am	Session 3	12:05 – 1:17 pm		
Movement	10:15 - 10:18 am	Break 2	1:17 – 1:47 pm		
Session 2	10:18 - 11:30 am	Locker	1:47 - 1:52 pm		

Reminder – **Home room tutor time attendance is compulsory** – during this time students receive all relevant class/school information.

Students on school premises Before School & After School

Please see below an extract from Wyndham Central College's Supervision and Duty of Care Policy

Supervision will include the following:

- Monitoring of entry or exit points and/or designated pick up and drop off areas
- Supervision of the arrival and departure of school contract buses

At Wyndham Central College yard duty supervision at the beginning of the school day will commence at **8.30am**. This supervision will include **Buses Location 1** and **Buses Location 2**.

Yard duty supervision at the end of the school day will be provided until 3.30pm for all students. This supervision will include Buses Location 1, Buses Location 2, Shaw's Road near the Gate Location 7 each until 3.30pm.

DET - Detention Duty until 3.40pm.

Supervision is provided if students are needed for CAT/SAC resits until 4.15pm.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) drops off or otherwise arranges for a student to be on the school premises before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the Principal or via the Assistant Principals or the Year Level Leading Teachers will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent, guardian and/or carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school, and
- request that the parent, guardian or carer make alternate arrangements.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) has failed to collect the student after school, the next steps may include some or all of the following:

- Attempting to contact the parents, guardians or carers
- Attempting to contact the emergency contacts
- Contacting the Victoria Police and/or the Department of Human Services (Child Protection) to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

Thank you in supporting our students to remain safe by following this policy.

School Nurse

A reminder to ensure all <u>medical plans</u> for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Ms. Claudia Jara, the School Nurse on 97414911 to discuss any medical needs. If students are unwell at school, they are required to attend First Aid and the school nurse will then contact the family if it is deemed necessary. If your child calls you directly, please tell them to go to First Aid for medical attention. If your child is being tested for COVID 19 please notify the college immediately and a clearance letter from the doctor needs to be sited before the student returns.

School Gates

The school gates are closed at 8.45 am to facilitate students arriving to class on time. Students must report to the administration area after 8:45 am, to obtain a late pass. Consequences for lateness may apply. Your child should have a note to explain a known lateness.

Bike storage at school

It is important that all bikes are locked onto the racks with a bike lock or padlock and chain. This message has been communicated to all students however we would appreciate it if you could remind your son/daughter of this requirement. A bike helmet is also a legal requirement. Please note: Skateboards and scooters are not allowed in the school grounds.

Emergency Management Plan

The Wyndham Central College Emergency Management Plan is tested regularly to ensure the safety of all students, staff and school visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As part of this plan we conduct four emergency drills per year, two lock down drills and two fire drills and students are made aware of when a drill is scheduled.

Secondhand Uniform

We are asking for your assistance with donations of any items of uniform that your child/children have grown out of or not using anymore. If you can assist, please drop off secondhand uniforms to the front office and we will issue to other students within the college as necessary. Thank you for your support.

YEAR'S 7, 8 & 9
REPORT

Hello and welcome to all our new Year7 families as well as all the other new families that have joined our school community. We hope to build a strong partnership with you to support your child's best interests both in terms of their education and their wellbeing. After two years of ongoing bouts of remote learning we're hoping for a more settled year in 2022 where we can focus on catching up those students who needed support to learn on their own. No one will be disadvantaged as we move forward and the school has secured additional resources to support our students to close the gaps that may have appeared.

It's been fantastic to have everyone back, and even though we are not totally back to normal we are pretty close. We kicked off the year with a full day of transition activities and online assemblies. All of our Tutor Teachers are working very hard to get to know their students and start building a positive relationship with them and our families. Should you have any concern about your child the Tutor Teacher is the first point of contact and you can find their contact details on Compass.

The school offers a wide range of support to families and students, including uniform support through the State Schools Relief organisation. If you have a Health Care card and need assistance with purchasing uniform items please have your child visit the Student Services building before school or during one of the breaks, and someone will be there to organise this support. It is very important to us as a school of high expectations that the uniform is worn properly and with pride, and we consider it a life-skill for children to learn that in the work place there will very often be a dress-code or uniform, just as there is at school. It is too early to tell whether or not we will be able to proceed with all our usual excursions and extra-curricula activities.

However, we are confident at some stage (probably term two) we will be able to run these. As for now all we can do is try and stay safe at school (masks inside and social distancing) and while we are still being supplied the rapid antigen tests, that your children are taking them before school Monday and Wednesday.

We hope you all enjoyed your child's return to school as much as we did.

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal - Years 7, 8 & 9

YEAR 7 REPORT

It has been a joy to welcome such an enthusiastic and positive group of year 7 students to Wyndham Central College. Students were able to spend their first day of school getting to know their tutor teachers, way around the school and new classmates. The rest of the first week students immersed themselves in their new high school subjects where they were able to meet all their teachers for the semester.

Your child's tutor teacher will be your 'go to' person at school for any issues or concerns with your child. Our tutor team for 2022 is below.

7A: Audrey D'Eau Sundanum
7B: Sue Butcher
7C: Alex De Leon
7D: Rekha Phulara
7E: Alex Mejia
7F: Melanie Kosinski
7G: Clarah Chiripanhura
7H: David Dong
7J: Peta Hills

7K: Chris Kodikara 7L: Aslihan Gavas

The Year 7 Year Level Coordinator is Phoebe Harrowfield and our Year 7 Assistant is Sharon Hamilton.

Year 7's have the opportunity to nominate for a range of leadership positions for the year. Leadership opportunities include but are not limited to, House Captain, Class Captain and Student Representative Council. These students will help ensure all the voices of the Year 7 students are heard around the school.

As a staff we are looking forward to working with you and your children to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school, reaching their full potential and enjoying their schooling at Wyndham Central College.

If you have any questions or queries please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

Liam Clifford - Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

My name is Allan Nilsen. I am the year 8 leader for 2022. This will be my 8th year at Wyndham Central College and for the past 4 years I have been an assistant leader at junior year levels. I was your Year 7 students' Coordinator last year. I look forward to supporting the year 8s this year in all they that they can achieve.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to see the year 8 cohort return to school. Victoria Webster is the year 8 Coordinator and did a fantastic job in this role last year. I would like to thank her for her support. Sharon Hamilton is the year 7 & 8 administrator, she knows and cares deeply for our students and I would like to thank her for the ongoing support.

Break time clubs will be up and running in the next four weeks when relaxed restrictions allow us to do so. This is great opportunity to pursue interests such as choir, guitar, chess, science, k-pop, and get to know other students with similar interests.

Our SRC (Student representative council) expression of interest will go out next week. We look forward to supporting an mentoring students who wish to represent their fellow learners.

Year 8 camp is going ahead this year from June 8th to the 10th at Forrest edge in Neerim East. The cost is approximately \$260. If you are eligible for CSF this may cover some of this. Ms. Webster is running the camp she did a wonderful job last year so thankyou once again! More information about the camp will be forthcoming so watch this space!

Our students are looking very smart in their Wyndham Central College uniforms. If for some reason you are unable to send you child to school in full uniform could you please provide a note in their planner.

Your child's tutor teacher will be your go to person at school for any issues or concerns with your child. Our tutor team for 2022 is below.

8A: Grace Hawke8B: Angie Chan8C:Ewan Slater8D: Rylie Stonehouse8E: Daniel Robson8F: Victoria Webster8G: Showji Ito8H: Troy West8J: Sarah Thomas

8K: Nicole Smith 8L: Janine Smith

We value your contributions in this special and important part of life so if you have any questions or suggestions about how to best support your child please don't hesitate to contact their tutor teacher, the school or myself.

Allan Nilsen - Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR 9 REPORT

Our 2022 Year 9s have started their year in an excitable, enthusiastic manner. They were able to spend the first day getting familiar with their new classes and getting to know their peers and teachers. They have settled in their new learning spaces well and have begun their subjects for 2022. The students have also made a great start to the Elective classes for 2022, a new experience for all. It has been great to see students excited to participate in subjects outside the regular core subjects they have undertaken in previous years.

Below is the Year 9 team for 2022, these staff members will be your go to person at school for any issues or concerns with your child.

9A: Blagoj Bosevski9B: Stephen Stilleni9C: Claudia Esquival9D: Emily Bellin9E: Smitha Thomas9F: Luke Guarnaccia9G: Steve Eadie9H: TBA9J: Jaymen Barker

9K: Ajay Shah 9S: Christine Henderson

Our Year 9 Coordinator is Amelia Shulz and our Year Level Assistant is Angela Whitfield.

As a staff we are looking forward to working with the new cohort of Year 9s and helping them strive to reach their full potential and enjoying their last year of Middle schooling at Wyndham Central College.

If you have any guestions or gueries please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

I hope that all students and their families have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the new school year. I look forward to working with and supporting all Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education.

It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families, with two-way communication, which will see the realisation of every student's hopes and aspirations.

We appreciated your attendance at the Step Up Tutor Teacher conference meetings at the end of last year and a reminder that your first point of contact is your childs Tutor Teacher. I encourage you to contact the College if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

In accordance with the departments Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Wyndham Central College during school hours (8.50am-3.04pm), including break one and two.

I would like to remind parents about the College promotion policy and that students must maintain a satisfactory attendance of 100% in all subject areas, unless ill. If senior students are absent on the day of a School Assessed Coursework, then they must provide a doctor's certificate to be able to sit the SAC for a scored assessment.

All students were given a College planner (diary) at the commencement of this year and I encourage all parents to look through this planner and support your child to use it for writing in important dates and homework. Please use and check the planner for two way communication, between home and the school.

The School Captains form part of the student leadership team and represent the student body. The elected School Captains did a great job as the Masters of Ceremony at our Awards evening at the end of 2021, and I am sure that they will do a fantastic job throughout this year.

Congratulations and good luck!

School Captains for 2022:

Ravneet Kaur Joshua Lopez School Vice Captains for 2022:

Ciarna Duckett Catherine Ma'asi

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal - Years 10, 11 & 12

YEAR 10 REPORT

Wyndham Central College and the Year 10 Team would like to welcome all students and families to the 2022 school year. Students across the cohort have settled in quite well throughout the first week, with an opportunity to build rapport with their new classmates, tutor teachers and classroom teachers. The setting up for success day on day 1 was as intended, a success, With smiles shared by students with their peers and an eagerness to take full advantage of what we hope to be a full year in the classroom.

This year, the tutor teachers comprise of the following staff members. These staff members will be your main point of call if any issues with your child arise.

The Year 10 2022 team is:n

10A: Tania Taylor 10D: Scott Lynch

10B: Anne Vlahos 10E: Anne Vianos 10E: Rebecca Cooper 10H: Meridith Thompson 10C: Ray Sherriff 10F: Alasdair Morrison

10G: Chris Walter

10S: Nigel Keyi

Our Year Level Coordinator is Virginia Millard and our Year Level Assistant's Angela Whitfield.

In the coming weeks, students will have the opportunity to continue building rapport with their peers and tutor teachers. Year 10 students will be encouraged to self-nominate and deliver a candidate speech for a range of leadership opportunities, such as SRC representative, Class Captain and/or House Captain. These types of roles provide students with a chance to develop new interpersonal skills and be a voice for students within our cohort.

The Year 10 Team is looking forward to working alongside students and families in creating a shared partnership and vision of your child's success in 2022.

If you have any questions or queries please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

Ashlin Brown - Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR 11 REPORT

I would like to welcome students back to the College and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. The Year 11 team and I are looking forward to another exciting year of learning and growth at Wyndham Central College. The students have adapted to the commencement of the school year and are diving into the curriculum of their selected VCE, VIP or VCAL subjects.

I would like to introduce the Year 11 Team which will be your child's first point of contact. Their role is to mentor and support your child to ensure a successful year of personal growth and learning and to ensure your child can reach their full potential. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's tutor teacher as they are happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

11A Nidhi Sharma 11D Andre Bernardi 11G Jesse Damianovski

11B Tran Vo 11E Tyler Martin 11C Karl Szulik 11F John Lister

11H Michelle Shen

11J Eliza Shearer

11K Blake Lunardi

Year 11 Coordinator

John Lister

Senior Years Assistant Kerri De Domenico

Some students have applied for leadership within the College such as; class captains, house captains which will provide them skills that could be utilised within and outside the college. We are currently undergoing the application process and will announce the successful applicants when appointed.

A reminder to ensure you are checking your child's uniform they should be in full school uniform every day. It is greatly appreciated that you assist in this process.

Secondly, all students should be attending school 100% of the time, especially being in VCE and VET. If you know your child will be absent please contact the college and provide a medical certificate if applicable.

I am extremely excited to work with and get to know the students and look forward to meeting parents and carers throughout the year.

Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

Welcome to a new and exciting year to all from our Wyndham Central College broad community as I would like to we welcome all our Year 12 Students as they prepare for their final year of secondary schooling. As a Year 12 team, we have made a positive start to the year and we have adapted guickly to the demands and rigors of Year 12 after such an interrupted 2 years.

I would like to introduce the Year 12 Team which will be supporting your students through all the stressful times and celebrations that come with Year 12 for 2022. As always, your tutor teachers are your first point of contact with any questions you may have, and are more than happy to work with you to get the best of your child.

12A Amy Cole12B Nicole Corsetti12C Caitlin Barbante12D Allan Bernardi12E Harpreet Singh12F Peter Sonneveld

12G Tanishka Singh 12V Pina Siragusano

Year 12 Co-ordinator Ms Samantha Mikulas Year 12 Senior Years Assistant Ms Kerri De Domenico

Our students have taken on many leadership roles in the school over the years, and it is great to see some new faces take on the roles of Class Captain, Multicultural Leaders and House Captains in 2022. These students provide leadership within the classroom and in the school community and are respected by both peers and teachers alike. Wyndham Central College Staff and students look forward to working with all the students who have taken on leadership roles this year.

Class Captains

Our Class Captains play a pivotal role in the classroom and around the school as leaders that were voted in by their peers. Congratulations to the following students:

12A: Kryan Donato12B: Gianpiero Clabro12C: Boe Ya Nu Aung12D: Blerina Hasani12E: Samuel Holmes12F: Ashleigh Benson

12G: Ali AL Hamidawi 12V: Matthew Mever

Year 12 School Captains

Ravneet Kaur Joshua Cefala Lopez **School Vice Captains**

Catherine Ma'asi Ciarna Duckett

Year 12 House Captains:

Green House: Blerina Hasani
Yellow House: Ashleigh Benson
Blue House: Kaisha Lenz

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Red House: TBC

Multicultural leaders

Multicultural Leaders played a huge part in supporting students throughout the school last year, and this year we look forward to them continuing that work within the Student Leadership Team. The school will look to these students to support and promote multicultural programs and initiatives to support our students and celebrate the diversity in our school.

Boe Ya Nu Aung Sanya Gupta

Please be sure to check your students uniform daily and that they are in full school uniform. Your assistance with this allows us to focus on their academic progress and supporting their education, not on their uniform.

A reminder that student attendance goals should be 100% attendance. If there is an absence, please be sure to contact the school and for your student to bring a medical certificate upon their return.

I look forward to seeing the students of this cohort continue to grow and reach their full potential.

Chad Cook - Year 12 Level Leader

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TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

Welcome to the 2022 school year. I hope that all families have enjoyed a restful break and that all students are ready for a successful 2022 academic year. I know we are all hoping that this will be in the physical classroom.

Term 1, 2022 Focus: Learning Catch-Up and Extension

This term our teaching and learning focus will be on:

- learning catch-up
- extension
- using student data, such as PAT tests and Victorian Curriculum levels to identify where students are at with their learning
- ensuring support for all students at their point of need to help the, grow as learners

AVID Binder

All students are supported in developing their organisational skills using the AVID Binder.

- The AVID Binder is compulsory for all students in Years 7- 10 and for the AVID Elective students at Years 11 and 12.
- All students were provided with the AVID Binder Pack and supported to organise their binder on day one.
- Students are expected to take their AVID Binder to all classes. It is stored in their lockers during break times.
- Parents, please check your child's AVID Binder is well maintains and organised



College Planner

The College Planner is an organisational tool. Students are expected to take the College Planner to all classes.

- Students in Years 7- 10 students will keep the College Planner in their AVID Binder.
- Students will write their homework in their planner each day. In addition, they will write dues dates for upcoming assignments, and add important dates, exams or other events in their College Planner.
- If a student needs to leave class, for example, to go to the bathroom, they will be required have a note from their class teacher in their Planner and have their Planner with them at all times.
- Parents are encouraged to use the College Planner as a Communication tool with the College.
- Parents, you can support your child by checking your child is using the Student Planner daily.

Cornell Notes

Students are expected to continue to use the Cornell Note taking format and complete all steps of the note taking system.

- Teachers will support this process in class.
- The completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework and home study program.
- Parents, please have a look at your child's work and Cornell notes and encourage and support your child to review notes regularly, as this will help your child to prepare for, and improve their test and exam results and therefore promote greater confidence in their learning.
- Examples of what students can do as homework each night using their Cornell notes is:
- Re-read their notes for that day and circle key words and underline important information.
- Re-read their notes and create questions in the left-hand column of their notes for notes they took the previous day.
- Create summaries for their notes from the previous week.
- Research indicates that this regular interaction with Cornell notes improves student confidence and success.

Homework Club

Homework club will be running again in 2022. Homework Club is held on Monday and Wednesday night from 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm in the Monash Building.

- It is an opportunity for students to receive extra support with all areas of their learning with expert teachers available to help students.
- Homework Club is for all students. Years 7-12.

• We encourage all students to take the opportunity to seek extra assistance from teachers

We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful and productive year.

Connie Faranda - Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Sora eLibrary

Wyndham Central College is committed to bringing exceptional learning opportunities to our students. I am pleased to announce continued access to a free eLibrary and reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app that will be available for all students.



What is Sora eLibrary and how will it help?

The collection of titles in Sora's eLibrary is an extension of Wyndham Central College's physical library, only it's in an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends or during school breaks and in the current remote learning situation with no worry about misplacing a book or running up late fees – these digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period!

Sora can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical reading and listening
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Provides students with an incentive to read with fun avatars and achievements
- Allow easy access to public libraries collection too! (in the Sora menu select: +Add a public library)

How does Sora eLibrary work?

Follow the following steps to get Sora eLibrary

Step 1: Download the free "Sora app" from the Apple App store, Google Play Store or visit soraapp.com

Step 2: Click "My school is Australian Secondary eBooks Now"

Step 3: Search for "Wyndham Central College"

Step 4: Then sign in using your WCC email address and password

Step 5: Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away. Enjoy reading anytime, anywhere on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Note: You can also access Sora eLibrary from the school's webpage under Student Links.

Whether a student's interest lies in classics for required reading, or the latest popular juvenile or young adult fiction, they can find it all in Sora!

Where can I find more information?

Please view the following links for more information.

https://overdrive.wistia.com/medias/7rfff7x4fi -Introducing Sora to teens

https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-overview/ -Sora Overview

If you or your child are having any difficulties with any of the steps please contact IT Support at

itsupport@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au

Can't find a title you want to read?

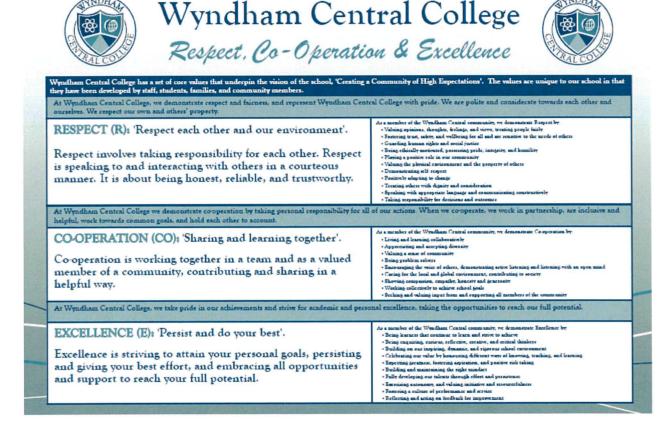
If there is a title that you would like to read and you cannot find it on Sora eLibrary then please let us know and we will so our best to add it to the Sora eLibrary. Email the College at wyndham.central.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au. Attention your email to Mrs. Cutter and list the title and author of what you would like to see added to the Sora eLibrary.

Enjoy Reading! Del Cutter – Learning Resource Manager

STUDENT VOICE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 7 - 9

Welcome back to all students for 2022.

As part of the College's work in implementing our new strategic plan, at the end of last year, a number of students, staff, parents/carers and wider community members were consulted and asked for their input and feedback on the creation of a Statement of Values document to ensure all members of the Wyndham Central College community help us further embed our vision of 'Creating a Community of High Expectations', and display our College values of Respect, Co-operation and Excellence. It respects the diversity of individuals in our school community and addresses the shared responsibilities of all members in building a safe and respectful school community. The Statement of Values can be found below. Teachers will be working with students on this, so they have a clear understanding of what it means.



At Wyndham Central College, we value the input of students to ensure we continue our journey of embedding student voice and agency across all domains. One of these opportunities is for students to become a member of the Student Representative Council (SRC) to represent their year level peers in enacting positive change across the College. Over the next few weeks, Year Level Leaders will be working with their respective cohorts to nominate, conduct speeches and have all students vote for their preferred candidate at their year level. The successful students will then work with the representatives of the other year levels as a team to represent the opinions and voice of the others in their year level. They will also complete leadership training to give them the skills to be successful in their position.

Ashley Rowe - Acting Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 10 - 12

I am incredibly exited for my new role this year at Wyndham Central College. I have been at Wyndham Central for a long time and am thrilled to share with the community the work we will be doing this year.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce we have been making plans to get our "Festival of Fun and Fitness" back for students. For those who are new to the school, this is an opportunity for students to access a free afterschool sport program. Each night we offer different sports such as Tennis, Boxing Fit, Soccer and Swimming that students can take part in over a five-week block. Sport has many benefits for students. It improves physical fitness, teaches important life skills and increases students educational outcomes. This program was very popular last year, please stay tuned for details!

We are also very excited to be developing our onsite community space. This space is a place that all of our College community—students, families, staff and community partners will be able to access. Our work aims to support the school and community to work together in a planned, strategic and evidence informed way. It's a space that is inclusive and culturally safe for all of the WCC community.

We will hope to do this by developing relationships with the WCC community by:

- Helping build positive relationships with families and work with them on their child's learning
- Give families effective strategies to actively support student learning, and work with them to foster students' positive social behaviors.
- Work with community-based organisations to positively support students' wellbeing and learning in the classroom Our work this year will start by naming the space. We will be looking for student, staff and parent feedback on this. Very soon we will send out a link to families asking for feedback on the "official name" of the space, so stay turned for this email!

If you have any questions about the exciting new space or think you might have some ideas to offer us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact myself or Kristy Gray at the school.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Rebecca Sandlant – Acting Assistant Principal

CAREER NEWS

Please find attached Careers News



Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

Welcome back!

Welcome back to another year of exciting opportunities. We are very excited to be developing our onsite community space – somewhere that is warm and welcoming for the College community– students, families, staff

and community partners. Once the space is activated we will see a busy hub of exciting opportunities—support for families, connection to our school, services and the local community. Students will also benefit from the space by participating in activities that celebrate diversity and inclusion that encourages student leadership. The research tell us this can impact the outcomes for our students in the classrooms.



VISION FOR RECONCILIATION

Wyndham Central College are undergoing a Reconciliation Action Plan process. Together, with Aboriginal elders, students, staff and community members a Vision and Acknowledgment of Country have been written. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to give their feedback. Please email or call Kristy:

Kristy.gray@education.vic.gov.au Mobile: 0427 099 841

THE VISION:

Our vision for reconciliation at Wyndham Central College is to be a school that embraces unity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians in our school community. We are a safe and connected community that represents equal educational outcomes for our students and provides learning opportunities for staff, students and the wider college community.

We respect, acknowledge, value and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity and multicultural strengths. We will provide an environment in which we aim to support every student to engage with truth, justice and healing through reconciliation via the curriculum and listening to our elders and our family stories. An environment in which every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student has the opportunity to achieve their potential and feel strong and connected in their cultural identity.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

We gather here in this special place to continue our learning journey together. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our school meets- Bunurong Land. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We commit to building a brighter future together.



Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

Happy Chinese New Year 2022

Many of our families have been celebrating the Lunar New Year. Also known as the Spring Festival (春節), or simply Chinese New Year, it marks the beginning of the year according to the traditional lunar calendar.

10 days before the beginning of the new lunar year, houses are thoroughly cleaned to remove any bad luck that might be lingering inside, a custom called "sweeping of the grounds." Traditionally, New Year's eve and New Year's day are reserved for family celebrations, including religious ceremonies honouring ancestors.

On New Year's day, family members receive red envelopes (lai see) containing small amounts of money. Dances and fireworks are displayed throughout the holidays, finishing in the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated on the last day of the New Year's celebrations. On this night colourful lanterns light up the houses, and traditional foods such as yuanxiao (sticky rice balls that symbolize family unity), fagao (prosperity cake), and yusheng (raw fish and

vegetable salad) are served. The Lunar New Year was celebrated on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Chinese New Year marks the transition between zodiac signs: 2022 is the year of the Tiger.





Tunes at the Pool

Hang out with mates and the Wyndham City Youth Services crew for an afternoon of music and water fun. The Wyndham City Youth Services crew will be pumping cool tunes poolside at the Werribee Outdoor Pool, 4.30pm - 7pm across selected Fridays until the end of February 2022.

Cost: With concession / student / child entry price being just \$4.30 every day at the Werribee Outdoor Pool, why not come down for a dip and get in the groove?

Fridays - 4.30pm - 7pm- 4 February 2022, 11 February 2022, 18 February 2022, Special Event - Waterfest 2022 (\$10 Entry) More Information, 25 February 2022

For more information contact the Wyndham Youth Resource Centre on: 8734 1355 Email: youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Participants under 18 are not required to provide proof of vaccination. Please note that Youth Services programs align with Victorian Government Public Health orders and can change in the lead up to program. Masks are required at all indoor public settings for people aged 8 years and over. Note: Events may be cancelled in the case of weather or COVID-19 restrictions.



Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead



A Listening Post is an opportunity for parents to connect with the College and ask questions or give feedback about their experiences with the College so far.

We would like to hear about your experience during the transition into high school and give families an opportunity to ask any questions or give feedback regarding the start of the high school journey.

REGISTER HERE: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VW6SZSX

Text or call Kristy (Community Engagement Lead) on 0427 099 841 with any questions.

Thursday 10 February at 7pm via TEAMS

Invite to be sent after registration





Welcome back to the new school sports year which will be jam packed full of competitions, especially this term. I am really excited for the year ahead!

Teachers have already volunteered to coach the sports listed and they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be. Students need to be aware of these announcements and attend all training sessions to ensure they can be part of the team. All students must return their permission note to be eligible to play on the day.

Sports Coaches for Term 1 (so far) are:

Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball
Year 7 Boys and Girls Tennis
Year 7 Girls Netball
Year 8 Boys and Girls Tennis
Year 8 Girls Netball
Intermediate Girls Cricket
Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball
Intermediate Boys and Girls Tennis
Intermediate Girls Netball

with Ms Hills and Ms Smith
with Ms Thompson
with Ms Bell
with Ms Stonehouse
with Ms Stonehouse
with Ms Thompson
with Mr Brown and Ms Bellin
with Mr Guarnaccia
with Mr Lynch

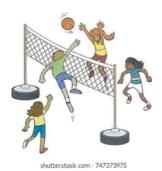
Please note, due to COVID restrictions, parents may be unable to attend these events.

Wyndham Central College Swimming Sports

The whole school swimming carnival scheduled for Tuesday the 8th of February at Lara Swimming pool has been cancelled. Unfortunately due to the current climate we are unable to make this an entire school event, only students who wish to try out for the Wyndham Central College division swim team will be attending the day.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Yours in Sport – Rylie Stonehouse - Sports Co-ordinator







CLUBS

Homework Club

Every Monday & Wednesday 3:10pm – 4:00pm



- *** Improve your marks**
- **❖** Gain more confidence
- Strive for excellence
- ❖ Receive VIVO's for attendance







BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Wyndham Central College Breakfast Club - All students are welcome Tuesdays & Thursdays between 8am - 8.30am at T1

Warm cheese toasties, cereals, hot Milo, juices, fresh fruit & friendly vibes

Everybody is very welcome

Colleen Brown - Breakfast Club Co-ordinator

We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club! No costs to students – Sponsored by LET'S FEED Let's Feed

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

ADMINISTRATION OPENING HOURS

Wyndham Central College Administration is open:

- Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm
- Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm

College phone number - 9741 4911

College email - wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Please contact the administration office if you have any queries or require assistance.

CAMPION BOOKLISTS

Campion booklists are available at the administration office if required. Orders can be made online or via Campion's store in Derrimut.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Parent payment arrangement sheets are available at the administration office. The college offers various payment options including cash, EFTPOS, via the Compass payment portal, BPAY (details provided on request), and Centrepay. Please return the parent payment arrangement sheets to the administration office when making payment or contact the office if you have any queries or require assistance.

LAPTOPS

From 2022 onwards, Wyndham Central College is implementing a Managed Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for all new laptops. This change is in line with the Department of Education and Training's Parent Payment Policy and will involve a partnership with Learning with Technologies. A Managed BYOD program is where the school chooses a supplier to provide laptops directly to students, while working together with the supplier to support the device through the school's Information Technology department with regards to technology issues and providing assistance for warranty/insurance claims. Details about this program are available at the administration office.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

To buy and sell second-hand uniform items and textbooks, simply register for free on the website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au. All transactions on this site are made directly with the seller.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently changed your contact details, living arrangements etc., please update them either through COMPASS or at the school, to ensure we can work together to support your child.

CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

Please note that if your financial circumstances have changed and you now have a Health Care Card you may be entitled to the Victorian State Government funding to families of up to \$225 that can be used towards costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting events. These funds will be paid directly to the college and can only be used for these types of events/activities.

Eligibility Criteria

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) application forms are available to:

- a parent/carer who holds either a Centrelink Health Care Card, a Pensioner Concession Card, or a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or
- · a temporary foster carer; or
- a parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

To be eligible for these funds in 2022 you must complete the application form (available from the administration office) and attach a copy of your eligible card which must be current as of the 31st of January 2022.

Families who applied at our college for this in 2021 will NOT need to complete a new form as it will be an automatic process.

A new application will only be required in the following situations:

- If a family has a change to their financial situation and are now eligible
- If you are a new family to Wyndham Central College and are eligible
- If you are an existing family who has a new child starting in 2022

All applications are validated by CentreLink and if there is a discrepancy, families will be required to contact CentreLink directly.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of staff and students, all visitors to the school must report to the front office (including parents) and log into Compass. In case of an emergency, we need to be aware of who is on site. Visitors will also need to check in via our QR code at the front office. Please follow social distancing rules and wear your mask when entering the College.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents are required to send their child with a note in their planner advising the reason and time they need to leave. The student must take the note to the Attendance office (located next to First Aid) in the morning to receive an early leaver's pass. This pass can then be shown to the teacher at the time they are leaving class and then also to the Attendance Officer.

COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS

If you have something you wish to communicate with the College, this process will support each party to achieve a successful outcome.

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Year 7 & 8, Year 9 & 10 or Year 11 & 12.

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500



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WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital.

Career News is one source of information available to you.

Career News will be published regularly throughout the year, providing information about how to choose a career, about information sessions being held on various courses and careers, Open Days at institutions where you might want to study, Career Expos, insights into a number of careers, and where you can get help.

Students who do their research during Year 9-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.

CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE...

RE: wcccareers.com – the comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has provided its students and their parents/guardians with a 'School Careers Website'. You can find 'Career Tools' on the Pathways Portal under Student/Parent Links on the College Homepage.

It is a "One Stop Shop" for students' needs with their Career Planning, Information, VCE, Post School Options and much more.

Students can also use it to create and save their resume.

The site is also designed with the parent/guardian in mind, to provide both students and parents/guardians with all the information needed about the students' Career/Pathway Planning and post school options — and the information is constantly changing in these areas.

The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exits to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Initial Year 12 interviews will take place shortly to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Many people say that they would like a job they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**. **So how do you choose that job?**

Firstly, keep in mind that there is not just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you enjoy doing.

For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/writing-related, helping people, information technology-related?

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

What subjects do you excel in at school?



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How important is it that you earn a lot of **money**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions.

If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology?

If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design?

If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying.

If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health.

If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Do not look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You will have several careers.

WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO?

As a rule, career expos have representatives from Universities, TAFE's, Independent Training Providers and Employer Groups (eg Defence Force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the VCE and Careers Expo 2022 (28 – 30 April @ Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne), while others are smaller regional expos (eg @ WRICA Thursday 19 – Friday 20 May). Career Expos are of a general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration - more information later.

WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY?

Universities, TAFE's and some Independent Providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies. These are useful for obtaining a more in-depth experience of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published shortly (for your diary).

WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND?

Many institutions run seminars about particular courses or careers, often on week-nights or in school holidays. For example, Monash and the University of Melbourne run evening seminars on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying psychology, sport related careers, and on occupational therapy have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

HOW CAN I ACCCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any prerequisite subject requirements. Some courses, however, have additional requirements (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview, testing). You are advised to check these out on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website (www.vtac.edu.au). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.



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Casual Employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles https://bit.ly/3830ETN
IGA https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8

Jacks

Kmart https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd Target https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ https://bit.ly/380Uvtb McDonalds https://bit.ly/2LfB2Ls Bunnings **Donut King** https://bit.ly/2YbqYly https://bit.ly/2P36v4I **Boost Juice** Red Rooster https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le https://bit.ly/2sHiEov Myer Cotton On https://bit.ly/2LjebPj https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC Sportsgirl Officeworks https://bit.ly/361GkCp https://bit.ly/33F09xz Apco

Job Seeking Resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au

Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and Responsibilities: Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job: www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN): If you do not have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job Options: also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - https://explorecareers.com.au/



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ADF Careers

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work Experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience: www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program. Visit www.cadetnet.gov.au

Parents/Carers - School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal.

To access the resources, go to https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/

Start the School Year by Setting Goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/

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